

No: 8/85

MICROLIGHT

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**Aircraft type
and registration:**

1) Flexiform Striker G-MMWS
2) Mainair Striker 330 G-MJOH (both single engined microlights)

Year of Manufacture:

1) 1983
2) 1982

Date and time (GMT):

26 May 1985 at 1030 hrs

Location:

Woburn Abbey, Beds

Type of flight:

Persons on board:

Crew — 1) 1
2) 1

Passengers — None

Injuries:

Crew — None

Passengers — None

Nature of damage:

1) Propeller broken, lower engine mounting damaged and sail torn
2) Top wires severed and kingpost broken

Commander's Licence:

Both Private Pilot's Licence (D)

Commander's Age:

1) 24 years
2) 36 years

**Commander's Total
Flying Experience:**

1) 280 hours
2) 75 hours

Information Source:

BMAA Accident Report Form.

The accident occurred at a microlight aircraft meeting attended by more than 80 aircraft. Competitions were held during the day with all take-offs and landings being carried out along a single strip several hundred metres long. At approximately 1015 hrs a spot landing competition was in progress. The target for this competition was approximately 200 metres along the strip, requiring competing aircraft to pass over the threshold/take-off point at heights up to 300 feet. Aircraft were queueing for take-off under the advice of ground marshalls. The pilot of G-MJOH, having reached a point abeam the take-off point and turned at right angles to the strip, did not have a clear view of the airspace above his wing and relied on a marshaller to indicate to him that it was safe for him to take-off. He commenced his take-off run as G-MMWS was approaching for a spot landing. The two aircraft collided at approximately 100 feet agl.